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In re Patent Application of)
Yencho, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3762
Continuation of Application No.: 09/132,711) Examiner: Bianco
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
ATTACHING A GRAFT TO A)
BLOOD VESSEL)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-29 prior to examination.

Sub C1
Please add new Claims 30-69 as follows.

30. An anastomosis system for connecting an end of a graft vessel to a side of a target vessel, the system comprising:

a vessel penetrating member configured to penetrate the side of the target vessel;

a tubular anastomosis device configured to connect the end of the graft vessel to the side of the target vessel; and